

**TO:** Resident Staff

**FROM:** Harry Partridge, Center Chief Technologist, and Jacob Cohen, Ames Chief Scientist

**SUBJECT:** Ames FY17 Center Innovation Fund, Science Innovation Fund, and Director's Discretionary Fund - Request For Proposals

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The NASA Ames Research Center Office of the Center Chief Technologist (OCCT) and the Office of the Chief Scientist (OCS) release Request For Proposals (RFP's) for the FY17 Center Innovation Fund (CIF) and the FY17 Science Innovation Fund (SIF), respectively. The purpose of the CIF and the SIF Programs is to stimulate and encourage creativity, innovation and collaboration within Ames, and between Ames and other NASA Centers in addressing the science and technology needs of NASA and the Nation. This advanced science and technology investment helps make Ames more competitive, provides opportunities for risk reduction and/or increased cost effectiveness, and initiates potentially transformational solutions to the most challenging mission-related problems.

The CIF Program focuses on technology investments that are less mature, higher-risk, higher-impact, and not necessarily tied to any future mission opportunity, while the SIF Program focuses on highly innovative, exploratory and higher-risk/higher-return scientific research in support of the strategic direction of the NASA Centers and the Agency. Depending of the focus of the work, proposals should be submitted to either the CIF or SIF. All proposals (CIF and SIF) will be reviewed and evaluated by the ARC Research and Technology Council, and awards will be based on availability of Program funds and the selection criteria outline in the RFP's. Additional awards (beyond those awarded through CIF and SIF) may be funded through the Center Director's Discretionary Fund (DDF). While no additional proposal material is required to be considered for DDF funding, DDF awards must adhere to all requirements and guidelines set in the RFP's to which the proposal was submitted.

*Request for Proposals (RFP's):*

Further information regarding the CIF and SIF Programs, including the RFP's and all supporting documents, can be found at:

Center Innovation Fund: <http://www.nasa.gov/ames/cct/cif17>

Science Innovation Fund: <http://www.nasa.gov/ames/ocs/sif17>

All CIF and SIF proposals must be submitted via email to ARC-CCT@mail.nasa.gov or ARC-OCS@mail.nasa.gov, respectively. An email notification within one day will confirm successful submission of your proposal. All proposals and required documents must be submitted by 5:00 PM (Pacific) on July 15, 2016. Late submissions will not be considered.

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